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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7961  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
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ABIDJAN FOR AID/VOTAW

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BENC, SOCI, NI  
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: ABSEAN NEW TOWN

REF: LAGOS 4720 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBOFF HAD EARLY MORNING (0715) REVIEW OF FEDERAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (FHA), PROJECTS APRIL 18 WITH FHA ENGINEERING DIRECTOR REVEREND OLUNOLE.
2. HE SAID ABESAN AND PHASE TWO OF FESTIVAL TOWN INTERVIEWS WERE ROLLED TOGETHER AND END TODAY IN PREPARATION FOR FHA BOARD MEETING DURBAR HOTEL, KADUNA, ALL NEXT WEEK, BEGINNING APRIL 24. BOARD WILL APPROVE A SHORT LIST OF AT LEAST 10 FIRMS, ALTHOUGH OLUNSOLE HOPES LIST WILL CONTAIN MORE THAN 10 FIRMS. SHORT LIST THEN MUST BE APPROVED BY MINISTRY OF WORKS AND FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MAKING FUTURE TIMETABLE IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT.
3. STARCRETE, LEVITT AND HAINES, LUNDBERG AND WAEHLER ARE PROVISIONALLY SHORTLISTED, PENDING RECEIPT OF THEIR PRE-QUALIFICATION SUBMISSIONS. OLUWOLE IS TELLING BOARD THAT THESE

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FIRMS WILL BE INTERVIEWED AFTER BOARD MEETING BECAUSE THEIR INVITATIONS DELAYED IN MAILS.

4. OLUWOLE HAD CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY REMEMBERING NAMES OF FIRMS BUT SAID EURO INDUSTRIES, MIAMI BEACH, WAS CONSIDERABLE DISAPPOINTMENT IN NEVER APPEARING FOR INTERVIEW AFTER SETTING TWO DATES. HE SAID FHA HAD CONSIDERED THIS AND ANOTHER FLORIDA FIRM WHOSE NAME

HE COULD NOT REMEMBER AS GOOD CANDIDATES FOR SOME TYPE OF JOINT VENTURE WITH FHA. THIS TOPIC HAS BEEN DORMANT BECAUSE FHA HAS NOT HAD TIME TO IMPLEMENT IT.

5. HE SAID LEVITT HAD BEEN VIEWED AS A GOOD ABESAN CANDIDATE, NOT AS A JOINT VENTURE POSSIBILITY, BUT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE INTERESTED.

6. THE ONLY OTHER AMERICAN FIRM HE COULD RECALL BEING INVOLVED TO DATE IS INTERNATIONAL HOUSING LTD. (IHL), LISTED AT WESTPORT, CONN., WHICH HE SAID WAS TOLD OF ABESAN BY LEVITT. OLUWOLE SAID HE GRANTED IHL'S PERSISTENT REQUESTS TO SUBMIT AFTER THE FIRM BORROWED MONEY TO COMPLETE ITS KADUNA PROJECT.

7. OLUWOLE SAID RESPONSE FROM REST OF WORLD HAS BEEN VERY HEAVY AND FINANCING HAS BEEN OFFERED BUT ALL FINANCIERS WANT NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT GUARANTEES.

8. ASKED ABOUT ANOTHER RUMORED NEW TOWN, EXPRESSWAY VILLAGE OR LAGUN ON LAGOS-OGUN STATE LINE (LAGOS 1800), OLUWOLE HAD NEVER HEARD OF IT. ANOTHER FHA SOURCE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE AN OGUN STATE PROJECT.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC AGAIN URGE INTERESTED FIRMS TO SUBMIT ASAP OR INFORM FHA OR EMBASSY THAT THEY WILL NOT SUBMIT. PLEASE CLARIFY EURO INDUSTRIES POSITION. KADUNA: MIGHT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROFITABLE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH OLUWOLE AT DURBAR TO LEARN WHAT FHA BOARD DECIDES ON HOUSING POLICY AND PROJECTS. IBADAN: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMING WITH STATE HOUSING AUTHORITIES NEW TOWN PARA EIGHT ABOVE, TIMETABLE, ETC. WYMAN

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